

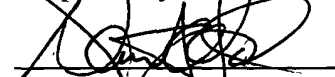
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to set forth alternative expressions of the claimed limitations of the anode rod depletion indicators of the invention, and particularly to conform with the depictions and descriptions contained in the present application. The amendments provided, avoid the undue limitation of the claims to particularly sized vessels and the particular disposition of the anode rod therewithin.

Clearly, the anode rod may be situated in either a horizontal or vertical position and would function just as well in either case. Likewise, the threshold indication of failure is the reduction of the anode in its size and relation to its un-corroded size, rather than the arbitrary reduction in size of 6 inches, which is only provided by way of example and not by way of limitation, with regard to a particular vessel. Thus, a vessel having a 2 or 5 gallon capacity would have an anode that would not exceed 6 inches in total length and therefore the limitation of 6 inches would render the application of the invention to that size of vessel inoperable and infeasible.

Thus, the changes proposed herein, all of which are reflected in the drawings as submitted and referred to in the text, are believed to be commensurate in scope with the invention as properly claimed. Thus, entry and favorable consideration of the amendments and a further and favorable action on the merits are courteously solicited.

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